

THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL.

WILMINGTON, N. C., MONDAY, MARCH 18, 1859.

COUNTY COURT.

March term of New Hanover County Court opened here this morning, Jas. T. Miller, Esq., Chairman presiding. We learn that the docket is very large, particularly the civil ticket. A large number of Ca. cases have been returned to this term. This is to be regretted, for various reasons. The taking of the oath of an insolvent debtor neither pays the debt, nor morally discharges the debtor; though there may be cases which are no doubt justifiable, and it may be a *relief* to the unfortunate person to avail himself of the law.

The Court will hold during the week, and the various county matters will have to be gone over, such as laying of taxes, &c., &c.

REVIEW. The next presidency has already assumed the dignity of a subject for the occupation of the public mind, speculation is already ripe regarding the relative chances of this or that man, for the successor of Mr. Buchanan, and we apprehend that are this, the sayings and doings of the Charleston Convention have been anticipated in manners as various as the fertile imaginations of these prophets and sons of prophecy can suggest. It is needless to add that we conceive this thing to be even worse than premature, by raising hopes and exciting ambitions that may seriously impede the deliberations of a body which, if it needs one thing more than another to command success for the party it represents, should have the element of unity, which cannot exist with too many aspirants for office in the field. Now, in our humble opinion, any journal holding the good of the party at heart whose flag it bears, will cease attempting by this ill-advised policy, to forestall and shackle that great lever of harmonious victory—a National Convention. One thing we opine may certainly be assured to us, that the Democratic party, through its representatives in Convention, will do nothing to jeopardize its own interests, and will nominate none but a man true to the party that elevates him—in short, a man that will do to tie to.

REVIEW. The avidity with which every novel accident is seized upon and copiously commented on, too often at the sacrifice of that modesty which should distinguish public journalism, welding as it does so powerful an influence in forming public opinion, is not the least remarkable of the many, alas! unhealthy peculiarities which characterize the larger portion of the American press. The notoriety which is given to every prominently bad action, avowedly though it be in its condemnation, cannot fail to exert, as it assuredly does, an influence as pernicious as it is insidious in familiarizing the public mind with matters best left unheard. Never did Pope say a truer thing of vice than:

"Seen too oft, familiar with their face."

We first endear, then pity, then embrace."

In the Capital of a great country, which boasts for itself the possession of that purity and simplicity that should adorn a republican people, a domestic tragedy is enacted alike disgraceful, now that the facts are known to all parties concerned, and the whole country, through the purifying and elevating medium of the press, temts with the disgusting details.

The Prussian government has issued a circular alluding to joint efforts of England and Prussia to preserve the peace of Europe, and expressing the conviction that Austria will join in the endeavor for an amicable solution of the difficulties; but declaring that while reserving her action, as an European power, she will nevertheless fulfil her duties as a member of the German Confederation.

It is reported that Russia has declared her determination to resist any attempt to prevent a union of the principalities by force.

FROM CALIFORNIA.

The steamship Quaker City arrived at New Orleans on the 9th, with California dates to the 19th ultimo—eight days later than received by the Overland mail.

The steamer Golden Age left San Francisco on the 19th, with \$1,250,000 in gold for New York, and 100 passengers.

Heavy rains had fallen throughout the State, and there was every prospect of a large trade. The water being plenty the mining prospects were very favorable.

The steamship Uncle Sam had sailed with troops for the Colorado, destined to act against the Indians.

The overland mail of the 24th January arrived from St. Louis at San Francisco on the 17th ult.

Vera Cruz dates of the 1st say that Miramon had sent a force to attack Jalapa, but he was defeated. He then marched eastward, and had arrived before Alvarado with 3,000 men intending to march on Vera Cruz via the sea coast. The citizens of Vera Cruz were much excited, but confident of defeating Miramon.

Just as the steamer was sailing, on the 5th, it was reported that a express had arrived, announcing the arrival of Miramon before Vera Cruz with 5,000 men.

D. M. Carter, esq., of Washington city, is announced to deliver the literary address at the commencement of the Wayne Female College at Goldsboro', North Carolina.

THE POSTAL SERVICE.

The following note has been addressed to the Washington Union by an eminent constitutional lawyer, well acquainted with the operations of the government:

WASHINGTON, March 8, 1859.
To the Editor of the Union:

I notice in your paper, and in many others, that it is assumed that, after the 30th of June, the accruing postage cannot be applied to defray the expenses of the transportation of the mails.

I am satisfied that this theory is not correct, and that the administration will eventually act upon the opposite theory, when all the laws are construed together.

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No extra session should be called. None is needed. The Postmaster General can use the accruing revenues of the department, and they will keep it alive. He will have a load of labor and responsibility, but he can go through it, and after cursus and reproaches for the time being, will come out all the better.

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Mr. WARREN, Minn.:

This able statesman and faithful representative arrived in town this week. Notwithstanding the toils of the last session of Congress, he looks bold and hearty as usual.

Gov. Winslow has just completed his second term of office as representative of the Third Congressional District, during which time he has displayed his superior qualifications as a statesman, and earned for himself the reputation of being one of the most faithful and laborious representatives which this district has ever had.

The Governor's is not a mere State reputation, for in other sections of the country, where he is personally a stranger, they speak of him as a gentleman eminently suited for the office which he has lately held. We sincerely trust he will permit his name to come before the people for re-election, for we can but poorly spare such an earnest and laborious representative from this district.—North Carolinian, 12th inst.

Mr. Stephen Herring, of Rockfish, Duplin county, has a Saw Pig, 10 months old, which weighs one hundred and forty pounds; she is the mother of eight little pigs, seven of them are living and are fine looking porkers. Our correspondent giving us the above information thinks Rockfish is hard to beat in the Pork line.

It is really a gratification to witness the interest manifested amongst our farmers for the improvement of their stock of every description. Hope the interest thus manifested will continue to spread.

IMPORTANT IF TRUE.—A man who professes to be weather wise, gives it as his opinion, that there will be no rain during the whole of the month of May, he says the same thing occurred during the year 1859, and again in 1859. We should advise our friends in the country not to make any calculations upon this prophecy, as it may turn out to be another case of delusion similar to that of Miller.

GRIMALKIN POLKA.—The title of a new piece of Music, laid on our desk by Mossa, Merrill & Pierce, composed by F. R. Hawes, Esq., of Wilmington, and dedicated to Miss Nannie Savage, of Scotland Neck. For sale as above.

SUICIDE BY A WOMAN.—A Mrs. Berne in Onslow county, the mother of four children, committed suicide a few days ago by blowing her brains out with a gun. She leaves a husband with whom she had lived on the best terms, and an infant child. It is said she had attempted self-destruction once or twice before, and that she declared before the act was committed that she would do it. We are indebted to a legal gentleman of this place who has just returned from Onslow Court for these particulars.—*Newbern Progress*, 10th inst.

THE RIGHT OF SEARCH.—The New York Journal of Commerce expresses the sentiments of the whole American people, without distinction of party, when it says in reference to the late debate in the British Parliament on the right of search question that, however willing we may be to agree with Lord Malmesbury to the desirability of some combined course of action between the great maritime powers of the world, whereby it may be possible to prevent the abuse of national flags to cover illegal trading or piracy, and however anxious we may be that no arrangement may be made which will render it impossible to ascertain the international law, we cannot, as matters now stand, see any difference between the right of search and that of visit, in both constituting a forcible assumption of jurisdiction by one foreign power over the vessels of another, whether it be for a search look for slaves, contraband cargo, or merely to verify the nationality of the vessel, which is equally objectionable, because it is a particular arrest, detention, and search, no matter how politely the "visitation" may be made, or how brief its duration, so long as the right is not conceded by special agreement.—*Richmond Dispatch*.

BUSNO ATKINSON.—This distinguished Divine preached to crowded audiences in the Episcopal Church, in this place on Sunday last, and also on the Saturday evening previous. After a very excellent and eloquent sermon, on Sunday evening, the Reverend Bishop administered the Rites of Confirmation to seven persons.

NEWBURN NEW ERA.

THE U. S. MINT AT PHILADELPHIA.—Congress having passed an act extending the time for exchanging at the mint the new cent coin for the fractional parts of the Spanish and American dollars, for two years from the 21st of February, 1859, deposits of such coin will be received at the mint for exchange for cents of the new issue under the same regulation as heretofore.

VALUABLE REAL ESTATE,

HORSES, HOGS, CATTLE,

FARMING UTENSILS, &c., &c., &c.,

FOR SALE.

THE SUBSCRIBER WILL OFFER IN PUBLIC SALE,

ON TOPSAI SOUND, KNOWN AS THE JOHN D. JONES PLACE,

CONTAINING ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY ACRES,

ONE OF THE MOST VALUABLE FARM IN NEW ENGLAND.

PERSONS DESIROUS OF PURCHASING, WILL DO WELL TO EXAMINE THE PREMISES BEFORE THE DAY OF SALE.

ALSO,

AT THE SAME TIME AND PLACE WILL BE SOLD

FIFTEEN LITTLE NEGROES.

ALSO,

TEN HEAD OF HORSES AND MULES,

AMONG THEM THE VERY BEST PAIR OF CARRIAGE HORSES IN THE STATE.

ALSO,

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